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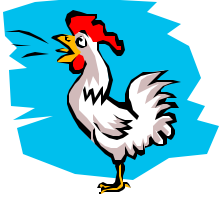
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were mixed, but mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak in the Northeast, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was mixed, ranging fair to improved with additional strength predicted next week for upcoming July 4th holiday. Food service was fair to good, best for fast food and restaurants. Supplies were adequate to ample with heavier birds more available. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate with jumbo wings and tenders closer balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06/26-07/01/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	38.00-61.75	48.01	23
Los Angeles	64.00			
New York	50.00-53.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-59.50	42.00-64.00	59.02	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
611	55.37-60.80	58.94
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	139.50	3,925
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.50	1,745
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.00	616
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	7,740
WINGS	50.00	2,632
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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend continued to have light trade activity; however, demand for next week expected to increase as July 4th approaches. Supplies were adequate to ample and slow to clear. In the parts structure, all parts were at least adequate or available. Movement was slow to fair, but improvements anticipated with planned holiday ads for next week. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable to slightly heavier.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged from last week. Trading for next week's deliveries were at generally unchanged prices. Offerings fully adequate overall with heavy weights in the longest position. Buying activity was fair. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: S. CA - whole body 69-89, whole legs 79, leg quarters 28-49, thighs 67-97, drumsticks 67-97, bone-in breasts 97-169, boneless breasts 198-259, boneless thigh meat 129-169, boneless leg meat 98 and roasters 98.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers about steady. Offerings of whole birds and WOGs light, trade interest generally nonaggressive. Retail movement improved somewhat, generally light to fair, instances fairly good. Food service demand was irregular, light to good, best into restaurants and fast food. In general, operators see stronger demand in the later part of next week for the upcoming holiday. Floor stocks well cleared to ample, sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was fairly light on breast items overall with fair movement of boneless/skinless breasts into Chicago, remainder parts trading moderately active. Supplies fully adequate with the exception of jumbo wings and tenderloins remaining in close balance to short of needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were more than adequate to ample and heavier birds occupied the longest position. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts market, all supplies ranged adequate to ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds reflected its expected increase today as buyers looked to insure adequate supplies through the weekend. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample and were generally more readily available on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied, and were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Thighs, boneless thighs and some drums were slow to clear. Most other items were fully adequate and clearing.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.01
NO. OF BOXES	9,922
CUMULATIVE	06/19/00-06/23/00 57.06
	06/21/99-06/25/99 60.30
NO. OF BOXES	06/19/00-06/23/00 50,453
	06/21/99-06/25/99 30,657

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 23, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	531	120.00-189.00	135-140	135.35	638	120.00-189.00	135-140	135.08	3,070	133.30
TENDERLOINS	184	150.00-205.00	150-155	156.33	254	150.00-205.00	150-155	170.22	1,056	164.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	118	67.00-75.00	68-69	67.54	68	70.00-75.00	69-70	70.59	618	68.74
FRONT HALVES	75	51.00-55.00	52-53	52.87	36	51.00-55.00	-	51.11	414	53.20
LEGS	85	27.00-37.00	28-29	27.59	92	27.00-37.00	28-29	28.30	432	27.74
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	261	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.62	237	17.00-20.00	17-18	17.81	1,681	17.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,297	18.00-22.00	19-21	20.79	1,279	18.00-22.00	19-21	20.58	5,907	20.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	185	47.00-57.00	52-55	53.28	113	50.00-57.00	52-55	52.96	648	50.66
WINGS (CUT)	625	51.00-76.00	56-58	58.30	555	51.00-76.00	56-58	58.32	4,127	56.61
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				62	37.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				66	30.36
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				165	64.59

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUNE 22, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

33.75 - 37.50

35.25

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTSTRADING FOR JUNE 23, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

34.00 - 37.50

34.46

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

35.27

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to fair heading into the weekend. Offerings of all items were at least adequate and some plants planned to run Saturday. Retail and distributive movement was generally slow to occasionally fair and was expected to improve in the latter part of next week in preparation for the July 4th holiday. The market tone was steady at best. PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

JUNE 22, 2000

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	135.43	480,540
TENDERLOINS	145-150	155.04	178,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	69.65	401,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	63.61	119,880
LEGS	35-36	38.53	241,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.43	544,242
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.20	124,320
THIGHS	23-24	30.99	171,420
B/S THIGHS	84-85	85.45	83,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	64.08	341,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	80,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.52	47,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.51	90,000

CURRENT NEG**WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	134.15	654,160	134.19	2,676,710
TENDERLOINS	145-150	155.80	143,480	155.13	746,546
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	69.28	345,640	69.97	1,768,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	63.31	127,600	64.72	593,120
LEGS	35-36	36.70	194,440	39.41	1,086,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.21	403,236	24.72	2,310,685
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.61	123,080	39.70	651,455
THIGHS	23-24	31.25	134,290	31.33	742,620
B/S THIGHS	84-85	86.25	83,160	88.19	325,250
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.81	310,280	63.69	1,696,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	76,800	12.04	393,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.31	63,080	34.38	261,655
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.78	100,800	44.80	448,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	06/23	06/22	06/21	06/20	06/21	06/20	06/16	06/14
ALA	4,304	4,040	3,896	4,003	4.98	5.00	3,929	4.99
ARK	5,843	5,245	5,211	5,147	4.81	4.88	6,061	4.85
DELMARVA	2,843	2,419	2,230	2,388	5.16	5.12	2,449	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,072	2,039	2,039	1,943	4.35	4.41	2,155	4.43
MISS	3,029	2,804	2,739	2,678	4.99	4.97	2,776	5.07
NC	3,142	2,585	2,581	2,645	5.75	6.01	3,008	5.85
TEXAS	2,445	2,308	2,357	2,114	4.76	4.75	2,369	4.73
TOTAL	23,678	21,440	21,053	20,918	4.97	5.01	22,747	5.00
MON-FRI108,851(A)							107,330(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Jun & 24-Jun-00 is estimated to be 35,425,000 up 13.64 percent from a week ago and down 8.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 38,491,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Jun-00 is estimated to be 158,130,000 head down 1.0 percent from a week ago, and down 0.8 percent from a year ago (Last week 159,718,000 Last year 159,424,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294-299
RABBITS-CUT UP	299-309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
DRY PACK	92-96
ICE PACK	106-111
ROASTERS 4# & UP	112-119
DRY PACK	98
HENS OVER 5#	94
ICE PACK	148-160
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jun 03, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	35,953	31,957	49,323
Avg Weight	3.81	4.72	6.00
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,294	32,003	38,968
Avg Weight	3.79	4.86	6.00
% of total /1	32%	31%	37%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,669	30,576	38,776
Avg Weight	3.71	4.78	6.05
% of total /1	26%	33%	41%
To date/2000	773,169	738,971	952,800
To date/1999	752,197	641,084	1,010,724

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Jun-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	159,718(A)	1,884	1,632	3,516	467
AVG WT	4.90	3.50	8.01	5.59	6.93
LAST WEEK	159,292	1,970	1,554	3,524	457
YR AGO	156,460	2,095	1,564	3,659	405
AVG WT	5.11	3.33	8.09	5.37	6.73
TO-DATE/2000	3,699,017	47,971	33,547	81,518	10,845
TO-DATE/1999	3,620,653	52,453	32,441	84,894	10,646

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.7 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: JUNE 20, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.18 - 1.22	Silkie	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.18 - 1.22	Geese 9-14	.10 - .18
Pekin Ducks	.30 - .42	Pigeons	1.35 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .54	White Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .74	Rabbits 4-6	.50 - .88
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .82	Rabbits 7-11	.50 - .82
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - 1.32	Bunnies	.10 - 2.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - 1.24	Guinea Pigs	.10 - 4.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 7.25ea.	Goats	32.00 - 40.00ea.
		Kid Goats	18.00 - 30.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50 ea.	Doves	2.50 - 6.00ea.
		Pullets 4-6	.60 - .94
Leghorn Hens	.20 - .32	Total Coops Sold	745

****NOTE****

Heinsey's Poultry Auction will be closed July 4th week.

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 19-JUN-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	49-50	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69-83	73-81
SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES		
12 OZ.	60.48-69.66	
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14	
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were slightly higher. The trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand was fairly good. Sizes were mostly desirable to instances heavy. Slaughter schedules were full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-JUN-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MAY	13	159.1	157.2	101	5.06
	20	160.8	157.2	102	5.08
	27	160.7	156.0	103	4.94
JUNE	3	145.3	156.4	93	5.03
	10	161.2	157.3	102	4.86
	17	161.7	158.5	102	4.90
YEAR TO DATE		3744.1	3673.5	102	
JUNE	24		158.8		
JULY	1		158.7		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 17-Jun-00 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,078 HD, 16,160 lbs., Light Hens 130 HD, 458 lbs., Heavy Hens 30 HD, 181 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	06/24/00	06/17/00	% CHG	06/26/99	% CHG
Broilers	158,130	159,718	-01	159,424	-01
Cattle	730	719	+02	715	+02
Hogs	1,782	1,752	+02	1,800	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on light cannery but sharply lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of cannery were fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive as a few users take some additional down time. The undertone was generally about steady to steady on lights, and unsettled on heavy cannery.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u>	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u>
<u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u>	<u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u>
23-25.5 MAJORITY	26.5-30 MAJORITY 28-29.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u>	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u>
<u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u>	<u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u>
25-28 MAJORITY 25-25.5	29-32.25 MAJORITY 29.75-32.25

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings continue to be fully adequate for the unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Finished product was usually clearing but fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was mostly light and unaggressive. Offerings were fully adequate for slaughter needs. Schedules were normal. Finished products sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady to weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample for current processor requirements. A large number of spent fowl were being rendered at this time. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	0 (1)	
No. Central Light	0-5 (2)	0

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were about normal for next week. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly light. Offerings were fully adequate for full trade needs. Schedules were normal, even though finished products sales were slow with production ample for needs. Trade sentiment was at best barely steady to steady.

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